

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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**Claim 1. (currently amended)** An information management system for manufacturing machines comprising;

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a database that manages input and output in addition to memory of individual machine information, which is a body of information concerning each manufacturing machine as products of a company, said individual machine information including parts books, drawings and documents that cover designing, procurement, installation and production, as well as wishes of customers obtained before designing in addition to maintenance information obtained after the start of the operation of the manufacturing machine in an industrial manufacturing facility;

an information processing means for each of said company department; and an access means that is installed in each of said information processing means which is capable for performing addition and updating of said individual machine information, wherein each manufacturing machine is a tool machine punch press, a lathe, a laser cutting machine or a machining center used in the industrial manufacturing facility for production.

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**Claim 2. (original)** An information management system as in claim 1, wherein said database is connected to said information processing means of said departments and said customers via a network, information processing means of said customers having an access means that is capable of performing addition and updating the individual machine information of said database.

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**Claim 3. (original)** An information management system as in claim 2, wherein said company departments include a sales department, a technical department, a procurement department, a production department, and a maintenance service department, with said database having an access limiting function that limits addition and updating of information in said individual machine information depending on said departments and said customers.

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